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**Amendments to the Specification:**

On page 1, under the heading "Cross-Reference to Related Applications" please amend the paragraph as follows:

This patent application is a National Phase application of International Patent Application serial no. PCT/US98/08798, filed on April 30, 1998, and is a continuation-in-part of application serial no. 08/847,151, filed on April 30, 1997, now abandoned. ~~This patent application is a continuation-in-part of application serial no. 08/465,866, filed on June 6, 1995, which is a continuation-in-part of application serial no. 08/244,993, filed on June 21, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 5,623,065.~~